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SUBJ UN ENVIRONMENT SECRETARIAT (UNEP) REQUEST FOR GOVERNMENT
VIEWS ON CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION

FOLLOWING TEXT LETTER RE ESTABLISHMENT APPROPRIATE COMMUNICATIONS
CHANNELS BETWEEN UNEP AND GOVERNMENTS ADDRESSED TO SECSTATE JUST
RECEIVED GENEVA FROM UNEP EXEC. DIRECTOR MAURICE STRONG AT
NAIROBI. ACTION REQUESTED REPLY IF POSSIBLE BY JANUARY 11, 1974.
QUOTE: NOW THAT THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME HAS
ESTABLISHED ITS NEW HEADQUARTERS IN NAIROBI, KENYA, WE HAVE TO
REVIEW OUR CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION WITH GOVERNMENTS, SO AS TO
ENSURE THAT SUCH COMMUNICATION IS EFFECTIVE AND IN CONFORMITY WITH
THE WISHES EXPRESSED BY THE GOVERNMENTS.

ACCORDINGLY, I WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD, AT YOUR
EARLIEST CONVENIENCE, ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE

(A) TO WHOM SHOULD OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE FROM UNEP BE ADDRESSED?

(B) TO WHOM SHOULD COPIES OF SUCH CORRESPONDENCE BE SENT?

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2. DOCUMENTATION

(A) HOW MANY COPIES OF UNEP DOCUMENTS DOES YOUR GOVERNMENT WISH TO RECEIVE, AND IN WHICH LANGUAGE OR LANGUAGES OF THE ORGANIZATION?

(B) TO WHAT ADDRESS SHOULD THEY BE SENT? (UNLESS YOU INDICATE TO THE CONTRARY, WE SHALL CONTINUE TO SEND INFORMATION COPIES OF DOCUMENTS TO PERMANENT MISSIONS TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN NEW YORK AND GENEVA AND TO EMBASSIES IN NAIROBI.)

3. WORKING LEVEL CONTACTS

(A) WITH WHICH DEPARTMENT(S) OR AGENCY(IES) WITHIN YOUR ADMINISTRATION RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT MAY THE UNEP SECRETARIAT CONSULT ON SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS OF ITS WORK, WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE OFFICIAL CHANNELS FOR THE COMMUNICATION OF CORRESPONDENCE AND ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT COPIES OF THE CORRESPONDENCE ARISING OUT OF SUCH CONSULTATION WOULD BE SENT THROUGH THOSE CHANNELS?

(B) WITHIN THE SUBSTANTIVE DEPARTMENT(S) OR AGENCY(IES), WOULD YOUR GOVERNMENT WISH TO DESIGNATE A SPECIFIC OFFICE OR PERSON AS AN "ENVIRONMENT FOCAL POINT", IN ORDER TO FACILITATE WORKING LEVEL CONTACTS WITH THE UNEP SECRETARIAT?

IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF YOUR REPLIES TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS COULD BE COMMUNICATED TO ME AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS BY 11 JANUARY 1974. END QUOTE.BASSIN

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